

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of July 17, 2006 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 5-10 have been reexamined. claims 4, 8 and 9 have been finally rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Luehr in view of Eckert, and claims 6, 7 and 10 are objected to but indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

In reply, applicant has amended claim 5 to include the subject matter of claim 6, and claims 7 and 10 amended to depend from claim 5 so that claims 5 and 7-10 are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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